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CLERK: LB 453. Read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman....

PRESIDENT: Excuse me Senator, we got involved in something and I forgot that 11:00 came and went, and I did not recognize Senator DeCamp. At the conclusion of this matter we will hear from Senator DeCamp. Proceed Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman, the committee amendments are the bill. There is a lot of technical changes regarding the recount section, the write-in section and other areas that Secretary of State Mr. Beerman suggested that it should be changed. I would ask for the adoption of the committee amendments and Senator Anderson the introducer of the bill will explain it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, the committee amendments are the bill now. The reason for the extensive changes was that I started off with a bill that had a couple of election law changes and in working with the Secretary of States office this became their election law bill to make the additional changes that they wanted to make modifications and bringing the statutes up to date. There were also a large number of election bills that were introduced and heard by the Government Committee. The changes were primarily to take items out of this bill, my original bill which were included in other elections or to harmonize provisions of my bill or other bills which have been considered by the committee. We felt that in getting all of this worked out it was just simpler to go back and pull out the sections that were still applicable in my bill and make the and make a completely new bill. I have had passed out on your desk, a couple of days ago, a series of information including a letter from the Secretary of State's office describing the reason why this particular bill needs to be enacted this year, and that is primarily because the election calendar for the 1976 election starts in December of this year, and so anytime after now would be too late. Then a memo that was prepared by Dick Brown who is a research assistant for the Government Committee that summarizes the key provisions of the bill, and then in a section by section summary has a summary of all of the various changes of being made by the Secretary of States office. My own comments I think are going to be restricted to a couple of key changes that I make in the bill, the rest of the changes are primarily mechanical changes made by the Secretary of States office. What I would suggest rather than spending a lot of time discussing these, if you get a chance between now and Select File to study the memorandum that is being put out, if there is anything that you have questions on, we can answer the questions then, or if there is something that you do feel needs to be addressed, we certainly can address it. The key changes that I make are....I want to provide an automatic recount in the case of a close election.